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TO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE  
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY  
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY-GENEVA ALSO FOR MAYNES AND BARRY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, WA, SF, TZ

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SUGGESTED EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE  
RELEASE OF TOIVO AND SHIPANGA

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REF: A) CAPE TOWN 860; B) DAR ES SALAAM 1874

1. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
THAT RELEASE OF TOIVO AND SHIPANGA AT THIS POINT MIGHT  
BE HELPFUL TO OUR CAUSE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, WE DO NOT  
BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAKE SPECIFIC  
DEMARCHE TO SAG REGARDING TOIVO. AS FAR AS SHIPANGA IS

CONCERNED, WE NOTE DAR ES SALAAM'S REPORT (REF B) THAT HIS RELEASE IS LIKELY BY MID-MAY, AND WE AGREE WITH DAR ES SALAAM'S VIEW THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN OR SHOULD DO TO ADVANCE MATTERS.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT A REQUEST TO THE SAG SPECIFICALLY KEYED TO TOIVO'S RELEASE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SWAPO'S APPARENT RECALCITRANCE REGARDING WESTERN FIVE'S PROPOSAL, WOULD NOT SIT TOO WELL. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE CAN SEE SOME MERIT IN A GENERAL COMMENT BY THE FIVE, PERHAPS IN THE CONTEXT OF A REPORT DESIGNED TO KEEP THE SOUTH AFRICANS INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN

NEW YORK, REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF ANY STEPS WHICH THE SAG OR THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL COULD TAKE AT THIS TIME WHICH WOULD CALL ATTENTION TO SAG'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR PROPOSAL. THIS APPROACH MIGHT MENTION RELEASE OF PRISONERS AS ONE SUCH STEP.

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